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Advanced Metering Team  
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This letter is in response to your letter threatening us with a shut off of our utilities and announcing the new "opt-out" program DTE has established with respect to "smart" electric meters. I'm certifying this letter as you obviously did not receive the first one we sent.

Please be advised we do not choose to enroll in the opt-out program as described in your letter because it does not provide a true opt-out as was intended and requested by hundreds of customers and numerous city governments. Your letter states that a "non-transmitting digital meter" will be installed, but it is our understanding this meter is a "advanced meter" or "smart meter" with the radio turned off.

In view of two recent decisions by the Michigan Court of Appeals(MCOA) we believe DTE does not have the right to force installation of any "advanced meter" which have been shown to cause health problems, susceptible to causing fires and invade our privacy. Your Tariff, MPSC regulations and state law all give you the right to install a "meter" as that term is defined in the law. The definition of meter does not encompass a surveillance device or a device that may be injurious to our health in the future.

There is a bill currently before the House Energy Committee, HB 4220 (2017) we are waiting for the result of this vote. Until then we are humbly requesting the right to have our electricity usage monitored by the currently installed traditional analog, electro-mechanical meter, at least until such time as another acceptable alternative can be made available. We will also pay the \$9.80 fee to have the meter read manually or we can read it and report it accurately every month back to you as was done years ago by customers on the honor system. The Fire department does not feel a locked meter is a safety hazard.

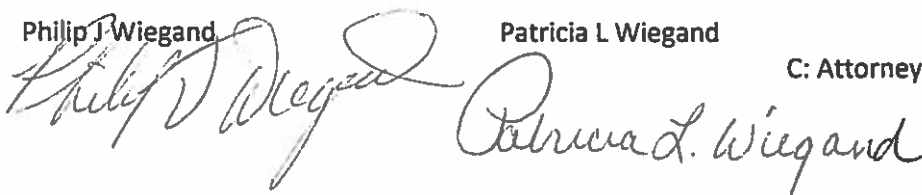
We are refusing installation of any "advanced meter". Any retaliatory action by your company or subcontractors, including termination of electrical service, will result in a lawsuit in defense of our rights as utility customers. Twice, two years apart we were left with an "open neutral" causing a huge power surge into our home by DTE destroying all of our appliances. Your company never assumed responsibility until the DTE subcontractor documented the improper installation and proved it was failure at the pole of their installer. This was only after the second outage and we replaced all our appliances the first time, having the expense of installing a backup generator. Because DTE denied responsibility our Allstate insurance Co. was forced into a lawsuit and won to reclaim the damages.

We have joined the formal complaint & lawsuit to not have our power shut off and we currently have an analog meter and are patiently waiting for the hearing on House Bill HB4220 (2017) ANALOG METER CHOICE BILL. We look forward to remaining a loyal customer. Respectfully submitted,

Philip J Wiegand

Patricia L Wiegand

C: Attorney General Bill Schuette

The block contains two handwritten signatures in black ink. The signature on the left is 'Philip J. Wiegand' and the signature on the right is 'Patricia L. Wiegand'. Both signatures are written in a cursive, flowing style.

HEARING HELD IN LANSING 1-16-2018 HOME ENERGY POLICY COMMITTEE TESTIMONY  
AND TIMELINE FOR DTE SHUT OFF AT WIEGAND RESIDENCE FOR 10 DAYS  
AFTER 2017 FORCED INSTALLATION OF AN ADVANCED SMART METER

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9-25-15 DTE Letter stating they are beginning to install advanced metering in our area and that the "tariff" has been approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. This I believe borders on extortion. It also I believe is against Michigan's Felony Surveillance Law. The MI Penal Code (Excerpt) Act 328 of 1931 750.539d Installation, placement, or use of device for observing, recording, transmitting, photographing or eavesdropping in private place. Sec. 539d.

(1) Except otherwise provided in this section a person shall not do either of the following:

(a) Install, place, or use in any private place, without consent of the person or persons entitled to privacy in that place, any device for observing, recording, transmitting, photographing, or eavesdropping upon the sounds or events in that place.

11-19-15 DTE Letter informing us they are replacing the meters in our area and their field representative reported replacement could not be completed access to equipment was refused. Their unacceptable Opt-out was available but it did not include a "KEEP MY ANALOG METER OPTION" in the (MPSC) RULE Quoting Rule 460.137 SHUT OFF can be done for refusal even though we were waiting on legislators ruling to provide an analog opt-out.

8-22-17 Homeowner Patricia has emergency surgery to remove infected gallbladder. Health concerns resurface as meter placement is outside the bedroom wall and I attended a hearing in Lansing and heard personal testimony that wireless radiation has been proven to increase cancer, neurological effects, immune system disorders, and other health issues as well as house fires associated with the installation of these advanced smart meters.

8-30-17 Follow-up letter stating (MPSC) their plan for opt out of advanced radiation emitting meter being turned off. This did not allow us to keep our operational analog meter and extorted an initial fee of \$67.20 with a monthly charge of \$9.80 for manual meter reader opt-out fee/tariff.

9-14-17 Certified Letter from Wiegand homeowners to DTE stating our disapproval and concern of not being able to keep our analog as an opt-out option. Referred to the court of appeals hearing the Michigan peoples case. House Energy Committee HB 4220(2017) stalled in committee without a vote. Either through lack of educating themselves of the dangers associated with these meters or being bought off by campaign donations from DTE so we waited patiently. God only knows what the delay is, in the meantime DTE has become more aggressive with installations. WE WANTED ONLY TO HAVE A CHOICE TO KEEP OUR ANALOG METER. We informed them in a letter of our willingness to join a filed formal complaint or lawsuit if it became necessary so our rights were protected. By your delay to educate your committee the "toxic meter can" continues to be kicked down the road. Now over 5 years later we have this shut off, mental anguish and incurred additional bills operating a generator. I pray money doesn't silence or buy your vote over taxpayers rights to health.

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9-16-17 Home owner under written protest unlock meter due to shut-off threat and were going out of town. We knew the basement would flood and food would spoil if they shut the power off.

9-19-17 A hired Subcontractor arrives and begins process of shutting off the power at the pole. We live on ten acres so the pole is on the far south side of the property line 300 feet from the home. Homeowner greeted the man and explained that the meter locking device had already been removed three days prior to his arrival and his comment was "too bad" I have my orders to shut off the power at the pole. He refused to check the house meter to verify or to even contact their office. Homeowner called DTE while subcontractor was still outside and informed them of the situation and they said they would send someone ASAP back that day or the next day. This never occurred and the power remained disconnected at the pole for another ten days. 9-19-17 Letter notice of shut off stating rule 460.136 for health or safety purposes. even though meter did not have a guard on it. Locking device was removed on 9-16-17 and was not locked.

9-21-17 DTE pulls the plug on our homes analog meter we had unlocked under protest three days earlier on 9-16-17 and plugged in the smart meter but DID NOT TURN THE POWER BACK ON AT THE POLE. Home is located on ten acres over 300 feet off the main road.

9-29-17 Subcontractor returns and finally reconnects the power at the pole after having been shut off for a total of 10 days from 9-19-17 through 9-29-17

9-19-17 This was a total of 10 days. Totally unacceptable, cruel and unbelievable treatment. We called numerous times and their excuse given was they couldn't get to the pole which was a lie because the poles are located on a 55 mph paved road and our smaller pole that connects to the house is in the middle of a field of ten acres and totally approachable from numerous sides. They had no problem driving their truck up to the poles when they disconnected the power.

10-08-17 We get a bill for \$ 1,135.38 and when I called they tried to say the old meter wasn't properly reading when I requested to speak to a supervisor she informed me that they had made an error so just pay \$367.50 but refused to send me a corrected bill or explain where the reading had come from if I had a non-transmitting meter and had been out of power for 10 days of that billing cycle. Because I have electronic withdrawal on my account the amount they were scheduled to withdraw was \$767.88 on 10-26-27. Their calculations were based on subtracting their current charge of 1,135.38 from the prior last months bill of \$367.50 which had been paid in full on BY ELECTRONIC Withdrawal on 9-22-17 three days after the power was shut off at the pole. THIS CHARGE WAS TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE NEW METER but was the day it was plugged into the home yet the power was not turned back on for another week. This caused us to incur additional gas expenses to run a generator to keep a minimum of power on so our basement wouldn't flood and food spoil. Our Semco energy bill increase of 3 times its normal costs from \$61.70 on 9-28-17 to \$181.08 in October from Semco Energy.

10-31-17 Bill arrives \$32.29 Paid 11-8-17 printed on the front of Statement "Your usage is based on an ACTUAL meter reading." \$9.80 meter reading fee is also charged. Page 2 of 3

12-1-17 Bill arrives \$36.48 paid bill on 12-9-17 printed on front of Statement "YOUR USAGE IS BASED on an ACTUAL METER READING. The \$9.80 fee to read the meter was charged again.

1-2018 Bill arrives \$484.34 Paid 1-4-18 when I called to inquire about the extreme difference in the cost I was told that it was based on an ACTUAL meter reading. I asked for clarification having been told each of the past months were also based on an ACTUAL meter reading. We were charged again the same fee of \$9.80 opt-out fee for a DTE employees manual reading . After speaking with her supervisor the employee returned to inform me that the past few months were ONLY METER ESTIMATES EVEN THOUGH OUR OPT-OUT FEE WAS FOR A MONTHLY ACTUAL DTE READER TO COME TO OUR HOME. They in fact had not sent anyone but had simply estimated the previous bills. She said her supervisor refused to credit us for the fee being charged for not having done the ACTUAL read. Her supervisor told her to tell me the MPSC agreed they could charge monthly but doesn't require them to actually come to my home. This is fraud they are lying about coming to our home and sending us very misleading statements when the bill clearly stated on the front that the read was based on an ACTUAL meter read. It wasn't until she referred me to the fine print on the flip side of the bill we can see the Kwh usage read "est" for two previous months, totally contradicting the front of the bill. We have serious concerns about the dishonestly as it relates to the meter being turned off as well. Their claim was the meter was read on 12-28-17. Yet there were no footprints/tracks anywhere around the meter. We had over 6" of snow on the ground since 12-23-17 and no tracks were evident. This has led us to believe the meter is in fact turned on and transmitting when they feel the need to do an ACTUAL READ. We have no way of knowing if the meter is on or off and are told to trust them when they are not trustworthy as evidenced by the false billing statements. Please sir, MAY WE JUST KEEP OUR ANALOG METER?

PLEASE EXPLAIN TO US HOW WE ARE BEING FORCED TO ACCEPT THIS DEVICE ON OUR HOME WHEN IT HAS BEEN PROVEN TO CAUSE FIRES, BRAIN TUMORS, CANCER AND NUMEROUS OTHER HEALTH ISSUES. It is also a well known fact that it is a surveillance device DTE refuses admitting to. However The National Institute of Science and Technology says it is a Surveillance device. Former CIA Directors James Woolsey and David Petraus say it is. Nearly all experts not in the pay of the utility industry say it is.

It is in the definition of "Meter" in state law: "A device for measuring the integral use of the power consumed over a time interval." What is NOT contained in the lawful definition of a meter is a surveillance device, computer for storing details of electric usage for later recall, radio transmitting or radio receiving device, device for relaying commands from utility to particular home appliances and an automatic disconnect switch for remote service turnoff. Per the (smart meter education network)

We humbly ask for your committee to allow the "ANALOG OPT-OUT " to be added to any further ruling until more research data can be obtained. We believe it is your duty to protect American taxpayers rights and end this insanity of having no choice to avoid the harmful effects of this meter being installed on our home. We appreciate this opportunity yet remain deeply concerned. Sincerely, Philip and Patricia Wiegand 65936 Haven Ridge Lenox, MI 48050 Page 3 of 3